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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 843

By Head

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Vicki Wallace on her selection as Tennessee's 1999-2000 National Distinguished Principal.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially recognize and commend our superlative educators who bring positive national attention to their respective school systems and who give unreservedly of themselves to develop this state's most precious natural resource—our children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vicki Wallace is one such extraordinary educator, who has served with distinction as Principal of Byrns Darden Elementary School for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wallace was recently selected as Tennessee's 1999-2000 National Distinguished Principal, an honor most befitting her meritorious service to education and her devotion to the lives of the students of Byrns Darden Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Wallace truly personifies the spirit of this prestigious award by inspiring all of us to imagine a better future and by helping to create a better world as she encourages excellence in her students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wallace epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Wallace will be among 50 honorees from across the nation who will travel to Washington D.C. in October to partake of the privilege of dining with the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the National Distinguished Principal Award is co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education and the National Association of Elementary School Principals; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wallace credits her incredible success to an open style of administration and to her talented and capable staff; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Wallace earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Austin Peay State University and received her doctorate in education from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Wallace is an extremely patient and giving person who motivates her teachers and students to reach their full potential, perhaps the greatest of all teaching gifts; and

WHEREAS, Vicki Wallace is a never-ending source of inspiration to those who know and cherish her and she is tremendously admired by students and faculty members; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a professional and a friend, Dr. Vicki Wallace is the perfect example of a person totally committed to quality education and the highest ideals of public service and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Dr. Vicki Wallace of Byrns Darden Elementary School on being chosen as Tennessee's 1999-2000 National Distinguished Principal, salute her expertise and dedication as an administrator, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.